



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **GIVE ATTENTION TO YOUR GIFTS**
Series: EQUIPPED
Text: Romans 12:3-9
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*Therefore, **I urge you**, brothers, in view of God's mercy, **to offer your bodies** as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.
(Ro 12:1).*

1. SEE YOURSELF AS _____

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather **think of yourself with sober judgment**, in accordance with **the measure of faith** God has given you. (Ro 12:3).*

*Accept him whose **faith is weak**, without passing judgment on disputable matters. (Ro. 14:1)*

*We who are **strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak** and not to please ourselves. (Ro. 15:1)*

2. GIVE ATTENTION TO _____ INTO THE RIGHT PLACE

*4 Just as each of us has **one body with many members**, and these members **do not all have the same function**, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and **each member belongs to all the others**. (Ro 12:4–5).*

*We have **different gifts**, according to **the grace given us**. (Ro 12:6).*

PAUL ILLUSTRATES THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS

- _____ - We derive our life from the same **SOURCE**; none of us can exist outside the body. We have one **HEAD - Jesus Christ** - who controls and coordinates each member for the good of the whole.
- _____ - God Loves **VARIETY**. No two people in His Church is the same. We all have different gifts, talents, and personality.
- _____ - We need **ONE ANOTHER!** Each member needs the others member to function. No one member can operate without the other members.

3. GIVE ATTENTION TO YOUR _____

If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him **use it** in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is **serving**, let him **serve**; if it is **teaching**, let him **teach**; 8 if it is **encouraging**, let him **encourage**; if it is **contributing to the needs of others**, let him **give generously**; if it is **leadership**, let him **govern diligently**; if it is showing **mercy**, let him **do it** cheerfully. (Ro 12:6-8).

List of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 4:10-11

- EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A SPIRITUAL _____.
- YOU CAN _____ YOUR GIFTS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS
- YOUR GIFT USE WILL BE _____, _____, AND **AFFIRMED** BY THE CHURCH.
- NO GIFT IS _____ THAN ANOTHER GIFT

WARNING ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. DON'T CONFUSE THEM WITH _____ ABILITIES

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

2. DON'T CONFUSE THEM WITH _____ OF THE SPIRIT

But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Gal. 5:22-23)

Spiritual Gifts help you **what a Christian should** _____, while Fruit of the Spirit helps define **what a Christian should** _____.